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SUBJECT: SIZE AND COST SHARING OF NATO INFRASTRUCTURE

PROGRAM 1975-79

REF:A. USNATO 379; B. USNATO 1851

BEGIN SUMMARY. UK POSITION OF IAU 400 MILLION AT CURRENT COST SHARES HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO MISSION ON 15 JULY PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT IN DPC ON 16 JUL. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL TO REITERATE PREVIOUS US STATEMENT FROM USNATO 1851. END SUMMARY.

1. UK CHARGE (LOGAN) REQUESTED MEETING WITH LOVELAND (DIRECTOR, ILD) ON 15 JULY TO PREVIEW UK POSITION ON CONTRIBUTION TO 1975-79 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. POSITION HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ANNOUNCED TO BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS DCM), SPOKESMAN FOR EUROPEAN GROUP COORDINATING NEGOTIATIONS. LOGAN WILL GIVE UK POSITION OFFICIALLY AT DPC ON 16 JULY EITHER UNDER ITEM III OR AS OTHER BUSINESS.

2. LOGAN SAID THAT IN PREPARATION FOR REPLY PROMISED DURING JUNE 1974 DPC MINISTERIAL, MASON HAD REVIEWED INITIAL PROGRESS
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OF DEFENSE STUDY NOW UNDERWAY AND, IN ORDER TO FORESTALL GRADUAL NEGOTIATIONS UPWARD OF UK OFFER, HAD DECIDED TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT IMMEDIATELY. UK COULD NOW AGREE AS FINAL EFFORT TO A 1975-70 INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING OF IAU 400 MILLION.

SINCE DEFENSE STUDY INDICATED THAT UK WOULD PROBABLY REQUEST REDUCTION OF ITS COST SHARE DURING NEXT NEGOTIATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING FOR 1980-84, MASON COULD NOT RAISE CURRENT PERCENTAGE SHARE (12 PERCENT) FOR 1975-79 PROGRAM. NEITHER WAS LOGAN TO HOLD OUT ANY HOPE THAT PRESENT OFFER OF IAU 400 MILLION COULD BE NEGOTIATED UPWARD AFTER 3 OR 4 YEARS. TO LOVELANDS QUESTION ON POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING TO 4 YEARS THE PERIOD TO BE COVERED BY IAU 400 MILLION, LOGAN SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT SPECIFIC BUT THEIR TENDENCY INDICATED A NEGATIVE ANSWER.

3. WHILE NEW UK POSITION IS NO BETTER THAN ORIGINAL ONE, AN ABSOLUTE LIMIT OF IAU 400 MILLION ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IS APART TO BE HARMFUL TO ALLIANCE DEFENSES. WE HAVE REPORTED (REF A) ON NATO MILITARY VIEWS OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A LIMITATION. AMBASSADOR ALSO DREW DPC ATTENTION TO THESE CONSEQUENCES ON 3 APR 74 (REF B). IN EFFECT MOST CATEGORIES OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, FORWARD STORAGE, AND NICS WOULD BE REDUCED TO UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS. AVAILABLE FUNDS (IN TERMS OF CONSTANT VALUE) WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING FOR 1970-74, TO WHICH IT WAS NECESSARY ADD IAU 150 MILLION IN THE EDIP, PRECISELY TO ALLOW PROGRESS ON SHELTERS AND NICS.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, MISSION INTENDS TO REITERATE WARNING OF CONSEQUENCES TO NATO DEFENSE OF ACCEPTANCE OF UK POSITION (PER REF B). RUMSFELD

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